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Subject [TEA-L] T3 Announcements

Hello everyone,

Please review the following announcements regarding the T3 Grant at this time. We appreciate the work everyone is doing.

ARRA Funding Reminder

As everyone knows by now, it is imperative that we spend the ARRA funding swiftly and impeccably. We have pulled an Expenditure Report reflecting expenditures to date. Many collaboratives are doing an outstanding job drawing down their funds. We continue to see collaboratives who have spent less than 10% of their T3 funds. As we enter the third quarter, we expect to see more funds drawn down from all grantees.

Please ensure that your T3 grant program is fully committed to the direction provided by the US Congress and Secretary of Education. As ARRA recipients, it is essential that funding is being utilized in a timely manner to not only stimulate the economy and provide jobs, but also to benefit our Texas students by providing technology-rich classrooms with engaging lessons as soon as possible. The expectation of the ARRA funding is to utilize funding immediately to help you reach your goals and to assist in stimulating the economy. The ARRA funding is currently being closely monitored by the US government and it is of highest importance that the State of Texas is compliant with its direction and reporting requirements.

Reminder: Mark Your Calendars

The T3 Conference is scheduled for August 4-5, 2010 in Austin. Look for an email regarding registration next week. We would also love to hear your suggestions for presentation topics that would be relevant and helpful to you.

Second Quarter Progress Reports

All submitted Q2 progress reports are in the process of being reviewed and filed. It has been exciting to learn about the progress and impact that the ARRA funding is having on your schools. Thank you for all the links to pictures, videos, lessons, professional development, and success stories, as well as describing your challenges and how TEA can assist you in the future.

We will notify grantees via email if we have follow up questions or concerns with your reporting. If progress reports contained answers that were left blank or provided no details, they will be sent back for further information. Please keep this in mind when answering next quarter's progress reports.

If you have failed to submit your second quarter progress report by the April 10th, 2010 deadline, please do so at this time. Eligibility of grantees to receive future grants, including continuation grants, from TEA could be impacted by noncompliance.

ARRA Reporting

The second quarter ARRA Reporting to the federal government went very smoothly and TEA is very appreciative of everyone's efforts. Please be sure to continue to check TEA's ARRA Stimulus webpage

frequently for updates. <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4570> .

National Educational Technology Plan

The draft National Educational Technology Plan was released on March 5, 2010 and can provide the context and vision for how information and communication technologies can help transform American education. The plan provides a set of goals to inform state and local educational technology plans as well as recommendations to inspire research, development, and innovation. The U.S. Department of Education is asking stakeholders to provide feedback on the plan. A message from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education and link to the draft can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/technology/netp-2010> .

Reminder: Great Lessons on the TATN Website

The Technology Applications Teacher Network (TATN) is a collaborative project between the twenty Texas Education Service Centers and the Texas Education Agency. TATN is designed to provide Texas teachers with resources to implement the Technology Applications Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in the K-12 classroom.

The new TATN website, <http://www.techappsnetwork.org/>, contains resources to integrate the K-8 Technology Applications Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills across the curriculum at all grade levels as well as to teach the dedicated High School Technology Applications courses (Digital Graphics/ Animation, Desktop Publishing, Web Mastering, Multimedia, Video Technology and Computer Science). There are lessons and unit plans that show how technology can enhance each of the foundation curriculum areas. TEKS alignments with mathematics, science, social studies, and English language arts/reading are provided to support the connections.

K-12 Databases

Visit the new K-12 Databases website for information and access to online research and information resources for all Texas public and charter schools funded by the Texas legislature-- <http://web.esc20.net/k12databases>. Resources currently include a broad range of age appropriate, authoritative and relevant materials from Britannica Digital Learning and EBSCO Publishing. Access is 24/ 7/ 365 to students, teachers, parents and school leaders for use at school and home. Regardless of district size or funding, all Texas public school communities have equal access to these state-funded resources. There are many lessons provided at the website that align with the foundation curriculum areas' TEKS, professional development modules, and valuable resources for school leaders.

TCEA Needs Presenters for 2011

Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) is the largest state organization in the nation devoted to the use of technology in education. TCEA is currently looking for presenters to share your knowledge and expertise with other TCEA members by presenting a session at the 2011 convention. All proposals will be carefully reviewed and selected by a committee of TCEA members. The Texas Computer Education Association 31st Annual Convention & Exposition will be held on Feb. 7 – 11, 2011, at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas. Applicants will receive acceptance or regret notifications in July 2010. The deadline for submission is Monday, May 31, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. CST. For more information, please visit <http://www.tcea.org/convention/2011>.